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Annual Report of the Curator for 1890.

To the President and Members

of the Historical Society of Southern California:

Owing to the fact that our collection is at present boxed and stored in the museum at the State Normal School building in this city, by the courtesy of the trustees of that institution, and as the society expects to soon have ample quarters in the new county court-house, where the collection can be properly displayed and catalogued, I am unable to give more than a general summary of what I have in my charge, which is as follows:

Bound volumes, 500; pamphlets, 2500; newspaper files, 100; maps, 200; photographs, 100; manuscripts, 500; special editions of newspapers, 100; besides a large amount of printed matter of all kinds; one case of mineral specimens and one case of curios and relics; and four cannon.

I call especial attention to the donation by Richard Gird, Esq., of a finely bound set of H. H. Bancroft's histories, 32 in number.

B. A. C. Stephens, our secretary, also donated his entire historical collection pertaining to Southern California, which he was several years in making, and consisting of 48 bound volumes, 495 pamphlets, 53 copies of special editions of newspapers, 618 newspapers containing historical articles, 66 maps, 12 photographs, several autograph letters of prominent people, a large number of valuable manuscripts and documents, a case of mineral specimens, and several thousand newspaper clippings on historical and miscellaneous subjects.

The recent donation by Dr. Wm. F. Edgar of 153 bound volumes and several hundred pamphlets, some of the books being very old, is worthy of especial commendation.

The complete files of the Los Angeles Daily Tribune, covering a period of four years and two months, were purchased at a cost of \$11.00.

A very valuable donation was recently received from the West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society, consisting of several bound volumes, and pamphlets pertaining to the history of that state. Donations are also acknowledged from many other historical societies.

A large number of public documents from the different departments at Washington, D. C., and Sacramento have also been received.

Through the efforts of the secretary nearly every newspaper published in Southern California is received for filing in our archives.

By the courtesy of Brigadier General A. D. McD. McCook, commanding the Department of Arizona, the society has been given possession of the four old cannon in this city, which were used in the Mexican war against the American army, and captured by the latter.

Donations continue to come in at such a rapid rate that very soon the society will be compelled to employ a librarian to give his sole time to their care.

The following publications are received and placed on file in the archives:

Dailies—*Courier*, San Bernardino; *Enterprise*, Riverside; *Express*, Los Angeles; *Herald*, Los Angeles; *Independent*, Santa Barbara; *Observer*, Ventura; *Press*, Riverside; *Press*, Santa Ana; *San Diegan*, San Diego; *Star*, Tucson; *Times*, Los Angeles.

Weeklies—*Alliance Farmer*, Los Angeles; *Bee*, South Riverside; *Breaker*, Long Beach; *California*, Los Angeles; *Champion*, Chino; *Chronicle*, Colton; *Citizen*, East Los Angeles; *Citrograph*, Redlands; *Compass*, Redondo Beach; *Eye*, Needles; *Facts*, Redlands; *Gazette*, Anaheim; *Gazette*, Lancaster; *Herald*, Banning; *Independent*, Independence; *Journal*, Fullerton; *Kaleidoscope*, San Bernardino; *Lower Californian*, Ensenada; *Messenger*, Monrovia; *New Era*, Perris; *News*, Orange; *Observer*, Ontario; *Phoenix*, Riverside; *Pointer*, Whittier; *Pomotropic*, Azusa; *Record*, Ontario; *Register*, Bishop; *Register*, Pomona; *Register*, San Jacinto; *Sentinel*, Julian; *Sentinel*, Yuma; *Standard*, Santa Ana; *Star*, Pasadena; *Süd California Post*, Los Angeles; *Times-Index*, San Bernardino; *Times*, Lancaster; *Times*, Pomona; *Workman*, Los Angeles.

Monthly—*Orange Belt*, Alessandro.

Magazines—*West American Scientist*, *Science and Horticulture*, *Iowa Historical Record*, *American Geographical Society Bulletin*, *Pacific Coast Monthly*.

Very respectfully,

IRA MORE,
Curator.

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